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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Request<br/>for<br/>Continued Examination (RCE)<br/>Transmittal</b></p> <p><b>Address to:</b><br/> <b>Mail Stop RCE</b><br/> <b>Commissioner for Patents</b><br/> <b>P.O. Box 1450</b><br/> <b>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</b></p> | <b>Application Number</b>     | 10/806,736-Conf. #2555 |
|  | <b>Filing Date</b>            | March 23, 2004         |
|  | <b>First Named Inventor</b>   | Jérôme David           |
|  | <b>Art Unit</b>               | 3733                   |
|  | <b>Examiner Name</b>          | R. R. Shaffer          |
|  | <b>Attorney Docket Number</b> | SPINE 3.0-423          |

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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| Signature         |  | Date             | May 22, 2007 |
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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: MS RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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